

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ELROY D. CLAY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

CHARLES COY, ET AL.,

Defendants.

No. 12-10140

District Judge Sean F. Cox

Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen

**ORDER APPOINTING PRO BONO COUNSEL
AND STAYING PROCEEDINGS**

On March 12, 2012, I denied without prejudice Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel. *See* Doc. #10. Since that time, the Court entered an order (Doc. #25) adopting my Report and Recommendation (Doc. #19) and denying summary judgment to both Plaintiff and Defendants.

The Plaintiff is a *pro se* prison inmate who, up to this point, has filed hand-written pleadings that, while describing the facts as he sees them, show a lack of understanding of the legal processes and procedures that would have to be followed for this case to be adjudicated efficiently and fairly. It would benefit not only the Plaintiff, but the Defendants and the Court if Plaintiff were given the benefit of representation by an attorney assigned under the Court's pro bono program.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that appointment of counsel be GRANTED to Plaintiff, and that the Court obtain an attorney who will undertake representation as pro bono counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all proceedings in this case be STAYED for a period of 45 days so that pro bono counsel may be obtained.

Dated: October 3, 2013

s/ R. Steven Whalen
R. STEVEN WHALEN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was sent to parties of record on October 3, 2013, electronically and/or by U.S. mail.

s/Michael Williams
Case Manager for the
Honorable R. Steven Whalen